

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1187

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize grants for use in response to homeland security events of national and international significance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local Homeland Event
5 Response Operations Grant Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR LOCAL HOMELAND EVENT RESPONSE**
 2 **OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XX of the Homeland Secu-
 4 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by
 5 adding at the end the following:

6 **“Subtitle C—Other Assistance**

7 **“SEC. 2041. GRANTS FOR LOCAL HOMELAND EVENT RE-**
 8 **SPONSE OPERATIONS.**

9 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 11 tity’ means a law enforcement agency or fire depart-
 12 ment of a State or local government (including a
 13 tribal government), including a police department,
 14 sheriff’s office, or homeland security or emergency
 15 management department, that—

16 “(A) normally operates not more than 50
 17 miles from—

18 “(i) the location of a special event; or

19 “(ii) the United States port of entry
 20 closest to the special event, if the special
 21 event takes place outside of the United
 22 States; or

23 “(B) participates in preparation for and
 24 activities during or directly following a special
 25 event.

1 “(2) SPECIAL EVENT.—The term ‘special event’
2 means an event designated under subsection (c).

3 “(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make a grant to
4 an eligible entity for overtime expenses relating to prepa-
5 ration for and activities during or directly following from
6 a special event.

7 “(c) DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Regardless of whether an
9 event is designated as a special event or given an-
10 other similar security designation under any other
11 provision of law, the President or the Secretary may
12 designate an event as a special event for purposes of
13 this section if the event is an event of significant na-
14 tional importance (including international events of
15 significant national importance) that—

16 “(A) may require—

17 “(i) extensive Federal interagency se-
18 curity and incident management prepared-
19 ness;

20 “(ii) predeployment of Federal assets;

21 “(iii) consultation, technical advice
22 and support to specific functional areas in
23 which the State or local government agen-
24 cies may lack expertise or key resources;

1 “(iv) designation of a Federal Coordi-
 2 nator; and

3 “(v) development of an integrated
 4 Federal Support Plan; or

5 “(B) may require—

6 “(i) direct national-level Federal sup-
 7 port and situational awareness;

8 “(ii) limited predeployment of Federal
 9 assets;

10 “(iii) consultation, technical advice,
 11 and support to specific functional areas in
 12 which the State or local government agen-
 13 cies may lack expertise or key resources;

14 “(iv) designation of a Federal Coordi-
 15 nator; and

16 “(v) development of an integrated
 17 Federal Support Plan.

18 “(2) SPECIAL EVENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFI-
 19 CANCE.—Any event that has been designated by the
 20 President as a special event of national significance
 21 under section 3056(e) of title 18, United States
 22 Code, or a similar provision of law shall be des-
 23 ignated as a special event.

24 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may
2 apply for a grant under this section, and shall sub-
3 mit such information in support of the application as
4 the Secretary may reasonably require.

5 “(2) JOINT APPLICATIONS AUTHORIZED.—A
6 group of eligible entities may jointly submit an ap-
7 plication for a grant under this section for a single
8 special event.

9 “(3) NOTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO
10 APPLY.—The Secretary shall—

11 “(A) notify an eligible entity of the oppor-
12 tunity to apply for a grant under this section;
13 and

14 “(B) provide access to application mate-
15 rials and adequate time for preparation and
16 submission of applications.

17 “(4) SEPARATE APPLICATIONS REQUIRED.—An
18 eligible entity shall separately apply for each special
19 event for which the eligible entity seeks amounts
20 under a grant under this section.

21 “(5) MINIMUM CONTENT OF APPLICATION.—
22 The Secretary shall require that an application for
23 a grant under this section, at a minimum, in-
24 cludes—

1 “(A) the purpose for which the eligible en-
2 tity seeks the grant;

3 “(B) a budget showing how the eligible en-
4 tity intends to expend funds received under the
5 grant; and

6 “(C) a description of the special event for
7 which the eligible entity seeks the grant.

8 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section
10 may be used by an eligible entity for salary and ben-
11 efits for necessary overtime in preparation for, dur-
12 ing, or directly following a special event by—

13 “(A) an employee of the eligible entity; or

14 “(B) a contractor of the eligible entity that
15 performs law enforcement duties.

16 “(2) LIMITATION.—A grant under this section
17 shall be used to supplement and not to supplant
18 funds of State or local governments (including a
19 tribal government).

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
22 out this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
23 through 2015.”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

25 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-

1 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by
2 adding after the item relating to section 2022 the fol-
3 lowing:

“Subtitle C—Other Assistance

“Sec. 2041. Grants for local homeland event response operations.”.

